Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 12 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 13 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 11 Dec 2021 at 12:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled changeable conditions through the forecast period, but lower in the timing and extent of worst of weather.

Headline for Sunday 12 Dec 2021: Some early showers and brightness. Rain spreading from south for afternoon. Storm force winds for evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 12 Dec 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Sleet	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	10%	20%	70%	90%	90%

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Weather: A mix of showers and clear then brighter spells overnight and early morning, with outbreaks mainly confined to western ranges. Showers dying out mid-morning as higher cloud feeds from the south, which lowers to bring an area of patchy rain, falling as snow initially above around 900m, which reaches from the south during the afternoon. Winds increasing storm force for the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% lowering 20% from late afternoon.

Visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain and summit snow, also very poor in hill fog that becomes relatively extensive from late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/44 SW	33/43 SW	32/42 SW	27/35 SW	20/26 S	23/30 SE	41/53 SE	54/73 S	56/79 SW
900	22/32 SW	23/33 SW	22/32 SW	18/25 SW	14/20 S	16/22 SE	28/40 SE	38/56 S	42/65 SW
600	25/34 SW	27/36 SW	24/33 SW	19/26 SW	12/17 S	15/20 SE	29/39 SE	44/61 S	47/69 SW
300	13/21 SW	13/22 SW	12/20 SW	9/15 S	8/12 S	9/16 SE	19/32 SE	26/44 S	29/52 S
Glen	11/23 SW	13/27 SW	11/23 SW	6/14 SW	4/11 S	6/14 E	10/25 SE	20/44 S	24/51 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-8	-1/-8	1/-7	2/-6	1/-9
900	1/-5	1/-5	1/-6	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	2/-4	4/-3	3/-4
600	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	4/0	4/0	6/1	7/1	6/-0
300	6/3	6/2	6/2	5/2	6/4	6/3	7/3	9/5	8/3
Glen	8/5	8/5	7/4	6/4	7/6	7/5	9/6	11/8	10/6
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	900m	1000m	1000m	1200m	1900m	2000m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Significant wind chill at height. Buffeting winds, particularly during evening.

Forecast for Monday 13 Dec 2021
Weather: Periods of patchy rain changing to showers overnight. A very showery day with outbreaks heavy at times, particularly in the west where hail and thunder is possible. Snow level lowering to around 600m from mid-morning.

Maximum wind: Early hours of Monday morning southwest mean 40-55mph with gusts reaching 80mph across most exposed ridges and summits, easing quickly towards dawn with higher gusts typically 40mph through daylight hours.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% for any given time, but virtually nil for extended periods due to the showery nature of the flow.

Visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and in cloud, with bases lowering 450m as they push through.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius increasing 8 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius lowering minus 1 from late morning
Freezing level: 1100m lowering 800m from late morning

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